

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the invention entitled "ENHANCEMENT OF VIRUS INDUCED GENE SILENCING (VIGS) THROUGH VIRAL-BASED EXPRESSION OF INVERTED-REPEATS" described and claimed in the specification of which was filed on this date herewith.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, in the above-referenced application, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the Declaration.

I acknowledge my duty pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56 to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the patentability of this application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

This application claims benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/410,879 filed September 13, 2002.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of

the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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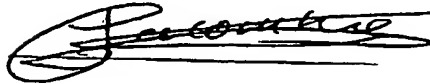
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